

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

In the Matter of the Building Contractors
License of Summit Remodeling, Inc.
License No. 20062683

**FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS AND
RECOMMENDATION**

The above-entitled matter came on for a prehearing conference before Administrative Law Judge George A. Beck at 3:00 p.m. on June 22, 2000, at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 100 Washington Avenue South, Suite 1700, Minneapolis, MN 55401-2138.

Jennifer S. Kenney, Assistant Attorney General, 1200 NCL Tower, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, MN 55101-2130, appeared on behalf of the Minnesota Department of Commerce ("Department"). Respondent did not appear at the prehearing conference. The record closed on June 22, 2000, upon Respondent's default.

NOTICE

This Report is a recommendation, not a final decision. The Commissioner of Commerce will make the final decision after reviewing the record and may adopt, reject or modify these Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendations. Under Minn. Stat. § 14.61, the Commissioner's decision shall not be made until this Report has been available to the parties to the proceeding for at least ten (10) days. An opportunity must be afforded to each party adversely affected by this Report to file exceptions and present argument to the Commissioner. Parties should contact James C. Bernstein, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Commerce, 133 East Seventh Street, St. Paul, MN 55101, telephone (651) 296-3528, to ascertain the procedure for filing exceptions or presenting argument to the Commissioner.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

The issue in this case is whether or not disciplinary action should be taken against the Respondent in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 45.027, subd. 11, or whether Respondent should be censured or whether civil penalties should be imposed under Minn. Stat. § 45.027, subd. 6 and 7 and Minn. Stat. § 326.91, subd. 1.

Based upon all of the files, records and proceedings herein, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 19, 2000, a Notice of and Order for Hearing and Notice of Prehearing Conference in the above-referenced matter were served on Respondent via certified and first class U.S. Mail to the following address: Doug Tourtillotte, Summit Remodeling, Inc., 3338 University Avenue S.E., Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

2. The Notice of and Order for Hearing and Notice of Prehearing Conference served on Respondent contained the following statement:

If Respondent fails to attend or otherwise appear at any prehearing conference, settlement conference, or hearing in this matter without the prior consent of the judge, or fails to comply with any interlocutory order of the judge after having been served with a copy of this Order, Respondent shall be deemed in default and the allegations or issues set forth herein may be deemed proved, and Respondent's residential building contractor license may be revoked or suspended, Respondent may be censured, and/or a civil penalty may be imposed against Respondent without further proceedings.

3. Respondent did not appear at the June 22, 2000 prehearing conference, made no prehearing request for continuance, nor did he file a Notice of Appearance.

4. The allegations of the Notice of and Order for Hearing and Notice of Prehearing conference are deemed proved and incorporated into these Findings by reference.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS

1. The Minnesota Commissioner of Commerce and the Administrative Law Judge have subject matter jurisdiction herein pursuant to Minn. Stat. § § 45.027, 326.91 and 14.50.

2. Respondent was given timely and proper notice of the hearing in this matter.

3. The Department has complied with all relevant substantive and procedural requirements of statute and rule.

4. Under Minn. R. 2891.0010, a licensee must notify the commissioner in writing of any change in location within fifteen (15) business days of the change.

5. Under Minn. R. 1400.6000, Respondent is in default as a result of his failure to appear at the scheduled prehearing conference.

6. Under Minn. R. 1400.6000, the allegations and the issues set out in the Notice of and Order for Hearing and Notice of Prehearing Conference may be taken as true or deemed proved when a party defaults.

7. Based upon the facts set out in the Notice of and Order for Hearing and Notice of Prehearing Conference, Respondent has violated Minn. Stat. § § 45.027, subd. 1(a), 326.91, subd. 1(6), 326.84, subd. 1 and 1b and 326.842.

8. An order is in the public interest.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

RECOMMENDATION

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED: that disciplinary action be taken against Respondent and that the Commissioner consider civil penalties.

Dated this 28th day of June 2000.

S/ George A. Beck

GEORGE A. BECK

Administrative Law Judge

Reported: Default

NOTICE

Under Minn. Stat. § 14.62, subd. 1, the Department is required to serve its final decision upon each party and the Administrative Law Judge by first class mail or as otherwise provided by law.